(d) the details of the expenditure on the travelling of the invitees from India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government of India, Government of Delhi, Commonwealth Games Federation, Indian Olympic Association and the Organising Committee are the signatories to the Host City contract by which the XIX Commonwealth Games were allotted to Delhi. Invitations were extended to representatives of these organizations. Representatives of these organizations and those responsible for conduct and delivery of the Queens Baton Relay (QBR) and persons concerned with sports, irrespective of their party affiliations participated in the ceremony.

(d) The cost of travel of the participants was borne by their various organizations. In case of sportspersons and representatives of IOA, OC, Air India provided free air travel under value in kind scheme.

Committee to oversee preparation of Commonwealth Games

1671. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has set up any Committee to oversee the financial matters related to progress of the Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the budget released by the Centre for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRAT1K PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) a (b) The Government has constituted a Financial Sub-Committee with Government nominees of the Executive Board of the Organizing Committee (OC) comprising Secretary (Urban Development), Secretary (Sports), Additional Secretary/Special Secretary (Expenditure) of the Ministry of Finance and Chief Executive Officer, OC as Member-Convenor. The Committee will scrutinize in particular, all the financial proposals that are to be placed before the Executive Board of the OC for approval.

(c) No separate budget has been sanctioned/released by the Government for the purpose.

Dissatisfaction expressed by President, Commonwealth Games Federation

†1672. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mike Fennel, the President of Commonwealth Games Federation has expressed dissatisfaction with the preparations of Organising Committee;

(b) if so, the issues on which there is dissatisfaction and disagreement;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that Commonwealth Organising Committee have written a letter to Mike Fennel to call back the CEO of Commonwealth Games Federation; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to complete preparations for games on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During his visit to Delhi for participating in the Executive Board Meeting of OC, CWG held on 10th September, 2009, he had expressed some concerns related to the capacity of the Organising Committee to deliver operationally.

(c) No, Sir. The Organising Committee has not written to Mr. Mike Fennel to call back the CEO of Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).

(d) All necessary steps are being taken to complete the preparations for the games in time including completion of sports infrastructure and the strengthening of the management and administration within the OC. The Group of Minister (GOM) and the Committee of Secretaries (COS) is monitoring all aspects of the preparation every week.

Expenditure on Common Wealth Games

†1673. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expenditure likely to be incurred upon the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in India has exceeded the expenditure incurred on Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any Monitoring Committee has been constituted by the Government for reviewing and proper arrangement of commonwealth games; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A Group of Ministers and Committee of Secretaries reviews the progress of all activities related to with the Commonwealth Games 2010 every week.

Steps taken to monitor construction works on eve of Commonwealth Games

1674. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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